



Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mayor Purzycki, Council President Shabazz and DSCYF Secretary Manning Announce the City's Safe Haven Summer Schedule

11 sites throughout Wilmington will engage young people in positive activities on weekdays and weekends as envisioned by the CDC Community Advisory Council

A coalition of ten community agencies throughout Wilmington will again this summer deliver an important community service for Wilmington's younger population and their families. With major funding from the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) and supplemental funding from the City of Wilmington and local community agencies, Safe Haven Centers will soon open around the city to offer regular and extended, as well as daily and weekend programs and services. Some Safe Haven Centers will open beginning this week and will remain in operation through the end of September. Most centers will stay open until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. each day. A list of the Safe Haven Centers appears at the end of this news release.

The Safe Haven Center announcement was made today by Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki, City Council President Hanifa Shabazz and DSCYF Secretary Josette Manning. Safe Havens provide shelter and programs to younger people who are most likely at-risk of experiencing gun violence. The centers specialize in providing positive activities and events over an extended period of time. The Safe Havens are part of a platform of services endorsed and supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Community Advisory Council which has been advocating for a variety of similar type programs at the Wilmington, New Castle County and State levels.

"In order for our children and youth to live, play and develop into productive members of society, we must provide them with positive and healthy environments in which to thrive," said DSCYF Secretary Manning. "Community centers play such a critical role in the stability of our neighborhoods by engaging youth in quality programming and by providing them with positive role models and mentors. I am very pleased DSCYF is able to continue our partnership with the

City and local community centers as we work hand in hand to prepare our young people for a bright future.”

This is the sixth consecutive year that DSCYF has made funding available to keep community centers in Wilmington open on an extended daily and monthly schedule. Each center has designed its programming based on contract standards provided by DSCYF. Those parameters include programming about youth substance abuse, violence and suicide prevention that utilizes evidence-based or promising programs and/or practices shown to reduce risk factors that interfere with positive life experiences. The standards also include opportunities for youth that are academic, cultural, artistic, agricultural or recreational in nature as well as structured, and supervised activities which may include but are not limited to fitness room/ gymnasium programs, computer/lab activities, use of facility game room/teen lounge/ swimming pool, arts and crafts, cooking, table games or small trips to nearby points of interest.

Safe Haven Summer Schedule for 2017

Provider	Location	Contact	Hours offered
Wilmington PAL	3707 Market Street Wilmington DE 19802	Kenny Jackson (302)764-6170 Kenneth.Jackson@palw.org	Tuesday 8:00pm-11:00pm Thursday 8:00pm-11:00pm Saturday 5:00pm-8:00pm June 6th – Sept. 30th
Kingswood Community Center	2300 Bowers Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Glorita Nunally (302) 764-9022 gnunally@KGWCC.org	Monday – Friday 6:00pm -8:00pm June 12th – Sept. 29th
H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls Club	1601 N. Spruce Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Danielle Benson Erica H. Blythe (Teen Director) (302) 656-1386 DBenson@BGClubs.org EBlythe@BGClub.org	Wednesday-Friday 6:00pm to 10:30pm June 7th – Sept. 30th
Walnut Street YMCA	1000 N. Walnut Street Wilmington, DE 19801	Kristina Woznicki (302) 472-9622 kwoznicki@ymcade.org	Tuesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday 9:30am - 9:00pm June 8th – Sept. 30th
Neighborhood House	1218 B Street Wilmington, DE 19801	Cynthia Williams (302) 658-5404 cwilliams@neighborhoodhse.org	Monday 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Fridays and Saturday 6:00-10:00pm June 10th- Sept. 29th
Latin American Community Center	403 N. Van Buren Street Wilmington, DE 19805	Wanda Burgos-Rincon Jocelyn Rodriguez (302) 655-7338 x 7716 (302) 655-7338 x 7712 Wburgos-rincon@thelatincenter.org Jrodriguez2@thelatincenter.org	Monday-Friday 5:30pm - 8:30pm June 19th – Sept. 30th
William Hicks Anderson Community Center	501 N. Madison Street Wilmington, DE 19801	U’Gundi O. Jacobs (302) 571-4266 uojacobs@wilmingtonde.gov	Friday 8:00pm-10:00pm Saturday Noon-4:00pm Sunday Noon-4:00pm June 16th – Sept. 3rd
Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center	1018 West 6 th Street Wilmington DE 19802	Matthew Johnson (302) 656-3224 Matthew.johnson@hilltoplnc.org	Tuesday thru Friday 5:30pm-9:00pm June 19th – Sept. 29th

<p>Clarence Fraim's Boys & Girls Club</p>	<p>669 S. Union Street Wilmington DE 19805</p>	<p>Rachel Kane Corey Wallace (302) 655-4591 rkane@bgclubs.org cwallace@bgclubs.org</p>	<p>Wednesday - Saturday 6:00pm - 10:00pm June 19th-Sept. 30th</p>
<p>West End Neighborhood House</p>	<p>710 N. Lincoln Street Wilmington, DE 19805</p>	<p>Antwain Flowers (302) 658-4171 aflowers@westendnh.org</p>	<p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:00pm - 9:00pm Saturdays 12:00- 4:00pm Alternating Fridays and Saturdays June 5th – Sept. 29th</p>

The City has appropriated funding for an eleventh Safe Haven Center to be located in the 6th Council District.

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